



Data Definitions and Frequently Asked Questions

Maryland COVID-19 Data Dashboard for Congregate Living Facility Settings

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The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) COVID-19 Congregate Living Facility Settings data dashboard is located at coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources. The data are updated on Wednesdays during the 10 a.m. hour. All data are preliminary and subject to change based on additional reporting. MDH is continuously evaluating its data and reporting systems and will make updates as more data becomes available.

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Cases and Deaths

MDH reports the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases statewide, broken down by jurisdiction, ZIP code, age range, gender, and race and ethnicity. A confirmed case is a Maryland resident who meets the [Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) case definition for confirmed cases](#). It includes people who had a confirmatory molecular amplification detection test. A confirmed COVID-19 death lists COVID-19 or SARS-COV-2 as a cause of death on the death certificate.

Congregate Living Facility Settings Data Dashboard

Facilities captured on the Congregate Living Facility Settings dashboard include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, state and local facilities, and group homes with 10 or more occupants. Nursing homes, assisted living facilities and group homes appear under one tab; state and local facilities appear under a separate tab. State and local facilities include correctional facilities and psychiatric hospitals. All facilities listed on the dashboard report at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 as of the current reporting period. Data are based on facility reports to MDH, which may be revised if additional information becomes available.

Why aren't facilities with less than ten occupants included in the dashboard data?

Facilities with less than ten occupants are not included in the data due to privacy concerns.

Why would a facility that was previously listed among "Affected Facilities" disappear?

Only facilities that have reported at least one newly identified, confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days are listed. Facilities are removed from the list when health officials determine 14 days have passed with no new cases and no test results pending.

Why do the numbers at the top of the dashboard decrease from week to week?

The numbers on the top of the dashboard reflect total numbers of cases and deaths for facilities that appear on the "Affected Facilities" list. Only facilities that have reported at least one newly identified, confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days appear on the list. Facilities are removed from the list when health officials determine 14 days have passed with no new cases and no test results pending.

The numbers reported for each facility on the Affected Facilities list are total cases and deaths ever reported for each facility. The total numbers of confirmed cases and deaths for residents and staff at all facilities that have ever reported a COVID-19 case are available by scrolling further down the page to "Maryland COVID-19 in Congregate Living Facility Settings: Total Summary Data."

Historic data are also available for download through <https://data.imap.maryland.gov> or by going to coronavirus.maryland.gov and typing "congregate living facilities" into the search bar at the top of the page.

Why might a county disappear on the data by county graph?

Facilities are reported by county. Only facilities that have reported at least one newly identified, confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days appear on the Affected Facilities list. Therefore, counties previously included are also removed when health officials determine 14 days have passed with no new cases and no test results pending at any facility within a given county.

Do reported deaths include residents who were transferred to a hospital and died while there?

Yes. Reported deaths include residents who were transferred to a hospital and died while there.

Why would the total number of reported cases in a ZIP code be fewer than the number of cases for a nursing home in the same ZIP code?

Confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code listed at coronavirus.maryland.gov are based on the ZIP code of residence of the case reported to MDH. Cases and deaths associated with congregate living facilities reported at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/hcf-resources> are based on the county where the facility is located. Additionally, some ZIP codes extend beyond county lines. Therefore, some ZIP code numbers may reflect cases in more than one county and some county numbers may reflect only part of a ZIP code.

Why would the total number of resident cases or deaths decrease in an affected facility?

Data are based on facility reports to MDH, which may be revised if additional information becomes available.

Do the data on the main Maryland COVID-19 Data Dashboard include the data from the Congregate Facility Settings dashboard?

The congregate facility setting data are included as part of the cumulative data on the coronavirus.maryland.gov homepage.

Is it possible to report incorrect information on the Congregate Facility Settings dashboard?

Yes; contact the local health department (LHD) in the jurisdiction where the facility is located. If the LHD determines a correction is necessary, the LHD will advise MDH, who will make the change.

When are updates posted to the Congregate Facility Settings dashboard?

The Congregate Facility Settings dashboard is updated on Wednesdays during the 10 a.m. hour.

Congregate Living Facility Resources

The MDH Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) licenses and certifies facilities in Maryland. Information is available via the OHCQ website's [Licensee Directory](#).

How many assisted living and nursing home facilities are there in Maryland?

There are 137 assisted living facilities with more than 50 residents and 227 nursing homes in Maryland. For a complete list of assisted living facilities, view the OHCQ website's Licensee Directory.

How do I file a complaint about an assisted living or nursing home facility?

To file a complaint about health care or treatment in an assisted living or nursing facility, visit the [Office of Health Care Quality](#) website.